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"And they cried, The Sword of the Lord, and of Gideon." Judges 7:20

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Meditations Before Easter

By Evangelist John R. Rice

It is the happy custom at our house to repeat from memory, as near as possible, the twenty-eighth chapter of Matthew on Easter Sunday morning after breakfast. The whole family memorized it years ago, and we try to refresh our memories and go through this happy, glorious Scripture concerning the resurrection of Jesus Christ, as a family, each Easter Sunday morning.

As I meditated on these verses about the resurrection of Christ, I felt that I should share with you some of the sweet truths brought to mind by the Holy Spirit.

I. "In the End of the Sabbath, as It Began to Dawn Toward the First Day of the Week, Came Mary Magdalene and the Other Mary to See the Sepulchre."—Matthew 28:1

"In the end of the sabbath," or as Dr. Scofield's note explains, "literally end of the sabbaths."

When Jesus rose from the dead it was the end of many things. 1. It was the end of the Sabbath, that is, of the Jewish Sabbath. The Jewish Sabbath was law. "Six days shalt thou labour and do all thy work." The Jewish Sabbath properly followed a perfect week of service without sin. It pictured how one would be saved by his own righteousness, without blood—that is, if any

were righteous. But everybody failed! "There is none righteous, no, not one." So we do not earn Heaven by our works, and we do not now have a Sabbath, the seventh day picturing Heaven earned by a human lifetime (six is the highest human number) of good works. Instead, we enter into rest the first day by trusting in Christ, then work because we are already saved. "There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God" (Heb. 4:9). And again: "For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works," (Heb. 4:10) that is, has entered into a Sabbath-keeping, into a heavenly rest, by faith in Christ. When Jesus died and rose again it was the end of the ceremonial law, and with that the Sabbath-keeping of the Old Testament.

New Testament Christians are never commanded to keep the

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Only Christ's Actual Rising From the Dead Can Bring Us

Resurrection Assurance

By the late Dr. H. A. Ironside

In the last analysis, the real basic ground for assurance, not only of the individual salvation of each believer but of the eventual carrying out of the divine program in its entirety, rests solely upon the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. This is emphasized by the Apostle Paul in his great sermon addressed to the Athenian philosophers on Mars' Hill, as recorded in Acts 17. There, after pointing out the unreasonableness and wicked folly of idolatry, he declared the truth as to the Unknown God, the Creator of Heaven and earth, and added:

"And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent: Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead."—Acts 17:30, 31.

He had himself received ocular proof of that resurrection of which he spoke. The risen Christ had appeared to him, as he fell to the ground on the Damascus turnpike, overcome by a supernatural light from Heaven. And at this very time there were living many witnesses of the greatest miracle of all the ages, for when writing to the Corinthian church, some years later than his visit to Athens, he enumerated considerably over five hundred who could bear positive testimony to the resurrection of our Lord, "of whom," he added, "the greater part remain unto this present, but some are

fallen asleep" (I Cor. 15:5, 6).

Horace Bushnell declared that the resurrection of Jesus Christ is the best attested fact of ancient history. Think of the authoritative sources for any other outstanding event, and compare them with the proofs of the resurrection, and you will realize the fairness of this remark.

The writers of the four Gospels were men of the sincerest piety and probity, as their works attest. They unite in giving unqualified testimony to the resurrection of Christ. The other New Testament writers, Paul, James, Peter, and Jude definitely mention or clearly

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Dr. H. A. Ironside

Why I Believe Death Ends All

By Evangelist John Linton

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A Bible-believing preacher is not supposed to believe that death ends all, but here is one who does! And I expect to prove that from the Bible itself.

I well know that my theme will be misinterpreted, but frankly, that is why I have used it. It has people talking and that is all to the good. Besides talking, some have been made to think of the hereafter and that is exactly what we want them to do. Anything, anything, anything, but this deadly, soul-destroying disinterest in the unending eternity before us. Because of my subject, some of you will hear the Gospel tonight who otherwise would not have come.

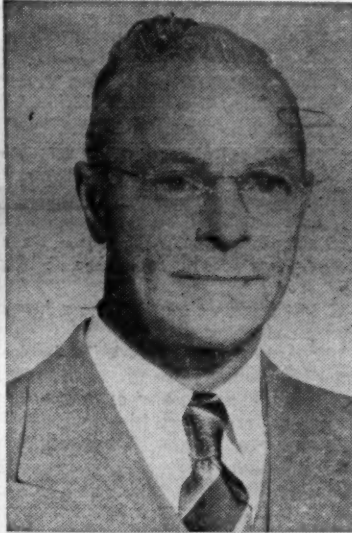
Let me say to you who are saved that I am so heartsick preaching

salvation sermons to saints only that I am ready to do anything in reason if it will bring even one sinner to hear the Gospel who otherwise would not have come. If the announcement of some arresting subject provokes unusual interest and through curiosity compels some to come in, then this preacher is glad that he used it.

But what about my subject, "Death Ends All"? Our Lord Jesus Christ in Luke 16 declares that there is a hereafter, a Heaven to gain, and a Hell to avoid. The whole Bible clearly, repeatedly, and consistently teaches likewise. How, then, can I say that death ends all?

Before answering that question may I take time out to say that I, as a preacher, have sometimes tried to imagine what a lost man in Hell would be saying to himself, and to those around him, concerning preachers and Christians whom he knew on earth. I can hear one say, "Why did those preachers not tell us plainly about Hell as a real, actual place? I know we were sinful, I know we were stubborn, I know we were unbelieving, but they seemed to be unbelieving also. Why did they not tell us what the Bible actually said about this place of awful torment? Why did they not come out into the streets to tell us Hell was like this? We now know it was there in the Bible. They too

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Dr. John Linton

They Planned It That Way!

How Socialism, Humanism, Modernism, One-World Philosophy Are Corollaries of Evolution

By L. Victor Cleveland, Th.B., A.M., Ed.M.
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Almost all the books in evolution, social science, socialism, even biology, ethics, and mental health, admit that it was Darwinian socialism, based on evolution and its naturalism, which overthrew the church and supernaturalism and set the stage for one worldism.

Few people realize how many years the great mass of "scientists" of the Darwinian socialism school have been at it, working their plan. While we slept at the switch, they worked. Dedicated souls slugged away by night and day in laboratory, classroom, author chamber—undergirded by increasingly immense and staggering funds from tax money and foundations. The plan grew, grew, and grew apace. It is a Goliath now, a Frankenstein, a juggernaut!

Evolutionists Originated Socialism

Back in 1877 Rudolf Virchow lectured to German naturalists and physicians in words having the effect of connecting socialism with the descent (evolution) theory. And Darwin himself wrote, in 1869, to H. Thiel: "You will readily believe how much interested I am in observing that you apply to moral and social questions analogous views to those which I have used in regard to the modification

of species. It did not occur to me formerly that my views could be extended to such widely different and most important subjects." [emphasis ours] (See *Life and Letters of Charles Darwin*, v. 2, p. 412 and 294.)

Back in 1910 Harry F. Ward edited *Social Ministry*, in which

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L. Victor Cleveland

The Cross and After

O, Cross of Calvary! What hast thou meant to men; since first thy baneful shadow fell across Golgotha's stern and rugged crest,

And on thee, bleeding, dying, hung the Christ? What bitter agony of soul was theirs, who, crushed by Roman power, long had hoped it had been He who Israel should redeem—

To see His hands—with healing in their touch, pierced through with cruel nails.

His noble brow all torn and bleeding 'neath the crown of thorns His enemies in mockery had entwined, While 'round Him surged the pitiless jeering mob.

No wonder was it that the sky grew dark, And graves were opened, and the earth did quake And rocks were rent, and terror reigned supreme!

What hopes were crushed in that dread, tragic hour which marked the loneliness and dark despair of those disciples who had loved their Lord?

The night came on apace. With reverent hands did Joseph of Arimathea gently lay the body of his Master in the tomb, and he and those few women following him found some poor ray of comfort in the thought that though their Lord no longer walked with them, His precious body in the tomb was safe from prowling beasts. And human foes alike.

The great stone at the door scarce heavier seemed than their sad hearts, as, weary and forlorn, they homeward turned, and darkness of the night descended, like a pall, upon the scene.

The silence of that night was oft disturbed by smothered sobs of those whose pent-up grief had banished slumber,

While, methinks, a few, worn-out, grief-spent, exhausted, fell asleep Dreamed of the tragedy of yesterday, And weeping, even in their sleep, still moaned in accents piteous, "The Cross! The Cross!"

(PART II)

The Sabbath day is past. The beams of dawn now gild the East, but bring no ray of hope to cheer the aching hearts of those who haste their blessed Lord's dead body to anoint.

And who should roll away the heavy stone, and break the seal by Pilate's order placed? Ah me! What fear, bewilderment and joy, to find the stone by Angel hands removed! What strange incredible tale fell on their ears? What wondrous words the waiting Angels spake—

"Why do ye seek the living 'mong the dead?"

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True Stories of Saving Souls Through Healing Bodies
By Dr. Paul White, Medical Missionary
in Tanganyika, East Africa

CHAPTER XIII

I Suffer Defeat

"Look down," said James. "Down—that's it—hold it there quietly!"

I took the cataract knife from Daudi's gloved hand.

"Keep looking down while I count ten," said James. Intoning in Chigogo:

"Monga—Nejete—Idatu—n ne—ihano—mtandatu—"

"Mpung'hati" (seven) was hardly out of his mouth when I handed back the knife. The first stage of the cataract operation was over. I could feel Daudi approved.

"Good combination, Daudi—sharp knife and obedient patient; small iris forceps, please."

"Look at your feet," ordered James.

I took up the forceps and continued with the operation.

"Four minutes for that one, Bwana," said Daudi. We were scrubbing our hands for the next eye case.

"Yes, Daudi, he was extremely good; I only hope he does well. I never like cases whose eyelashes tend to turn in. Do you remember old Muzozzi?"

Daudi looked up from arranging his newly boiled instruments, and nodded. "Bwana, he's here today, and, what's more, he means to make trouble."

We left the theater an hour later, walking to the outpatients' building behind the stretcher, which bore the fifth eye operation case for that morning.

Sitting in the shade, their backs to us, were seven figures. One of them was holding the floor, and holding it to some purpose. We stopped to listen.

"Kah!" said the orator. "He failed. He said that he could remove my *chipeche* (eye lens) with his little knife and then I would see again. I even had a goat to give him for his work. He took me to his cutting room" (Daudi grinned at this), "told me to look down and then up, and then down and

Kah! he gave me my *chipeche* which he'd cut out. I could see light then and people in white clothes moving about, but although I told him not to, he tied my head up with bandages, and told me to be still for four days."

He paused for breath, and one of the others broke in.

"And you didn't do it. You pulled your bandages off in the night and put spit into your eye."

Old Muzozzi let fly again.

"Yes, I did! Is it not our custom to put spit into eyes? Did I not want to see quickly? Kah! that European is only a youth. How should he know what is good for me?"

Daudi nudged me and raised his eyebrows. "You see, Bwana," he whispered, "you thought our sterilizing was bad when his eye went wrong, but the cause was spit!"

A tall old man, with a most regal bearing and white hair that contrasted strikingly with his jet black skin, spoke. There was a sense of authority about him.

"You are blind still because you did not obey the words of the *fundi* (the expert). The fault is not his, but yours."

I felt it was time to take a hand in proceedings.

"Thank you, Machenje," I broke in. "Your words are wisdom. Now, let me see how your eyes are."

I stood back from him and, holding up two fingers, I rapped out the question:

"How many?"

He peered for a moment, and replied:

"Two, Bwana."

"Right and now?" holding up four.

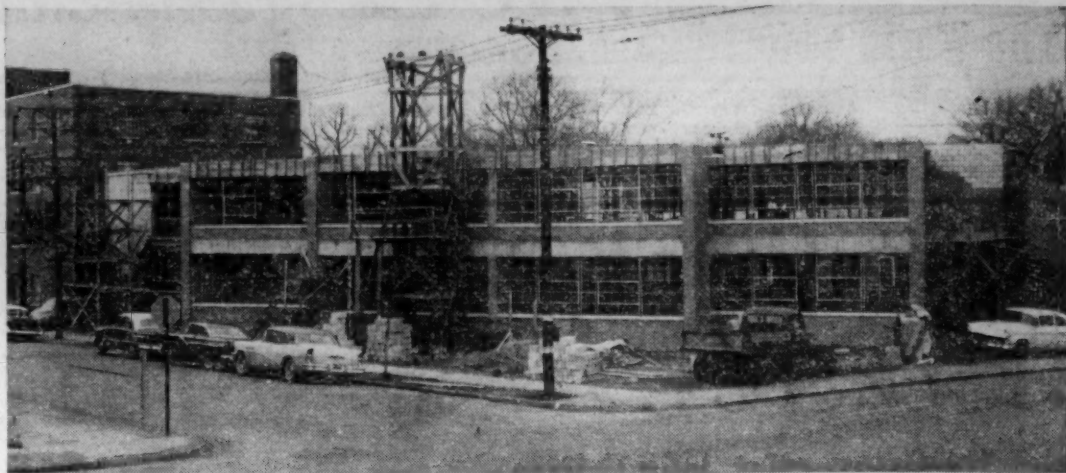
"Three, Bwana," he replied.

"Hongo," said one of the others. "Either he or I are not well cured, for I can see four."

"Yoh!" laughed Machenje.

"There is little profit in counting fingers, but I can dig in my garden now and see to repair my house."

Tennessee Temple Schools to Dedicate New Building June 3



The new academic building of Tennessee Temple Schools, Chattanooga, Tennessee, is nearing completion, according to a recent announcement by Dr. Lee Roberson, president.

The building is expected to be finished within the next few months, before the beginning of summer school at Temple schools. Dedication is planned for June 3, with Editor John R. Rice as guest speaker. Registration for the summer session will be June 4. Summer classes will be held in beautiful, air-conditioned classrooms.

The academic building will contain 12 classrooms, a mathematics department, a science laboratory, a suite of offices, a small dining room and kitchen, and other needed facilities.

"We praise God for the blessings extended to Tennessee Temple schools in the past years," Dr. Roberson said. "We believe that Tennessee Temple is truly a miracle of our time," he further stated.

THE EDITOR'S Notes

by John R. Rice

We have had a great deal of solid work in the last few days, loading truck loads of *Sword of the Lord* books, shipping them to Zondervan Publishing House at Grand Rapids, Michigan. Since these brethren have taken over the publication and wholesale distribution of *Sword of the Lord* books, we will be much freer to spend time and energy in the tremendous work of *THE SWORD OF THE LORD* itself. Of course we will still handle all this editor's books selling them by mail, and you may send your orders as individuals to us. Bookstores will buy from Zondervan Publishing House.

Zondervan Publishing House will not take over the *SWORD OF THE LORD*, of course. It will remain "America's foremost revival weekly," and we will continue exactly our editorial policies and management as before. The actual printing is done by contract with the Herald Book and Printing Company at Newton, Kansas, for us, but we do all the editorial work, keep all the subscription lists, etc.

We will maintain our Free Literature Fund, and of course this editor will continue his revival work and conferences on revival and soul winning, as before.

The transaction with Zondervan Publishing House turns over to them a stock of books estimated at nearly \$250,000 in retail value. They will also pay royalties on the editor's books, and these royalties will come not to the editor, but to *THE SWORD OF THE LORD*, to be applied to the Ministers and Missionary Subscription Fund, as we have applied them in the past.

We are greatly relieved to have this wonderful help in getting out

the literature God has helped us to write. We believe it will be more widespread in the future than in the past.

"SWORD Sunday" May 19; Pastors, Please Co-operate

We are asking that Bible-believing churches all over America participate in an annual "Sword Sunday." Why should not those who believe in the fundamentals of the faith, those who believe in soul winning, those who believe in standing up for Christ and the Bible and promoting His work, set aside a few minutes in one principal service one time a year, announce *THE SWORD OF THE LORD*, give out sample copies, appoint someone to take the subscriptions and send them in?

We want to hear at once from every pastor who will agree to give a three to five-minute talk about *THE SWORD OF THE LORD* in a Sunday morning or Sunday evening service, to see that sample copies of *THE SWORD* are passed out, at least one to every family present, who will offer subscriptions at a rock-bottom rate which we will allow, and appoint some reputable, responsible person to there receive the subscriptions and send them in.

Your co-operation can earn you a nice gift, and you will do a real favor to your people and be a blessed help to the cause of the Lord.

We hope that godly Christian people interested in this matter will take it up with their pastors and co-operate with them in the matter.

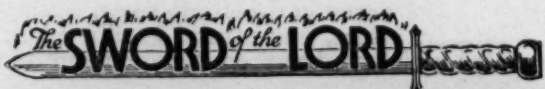
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"Some men are afraid of being too religious. What we need today is men who believe deep down in their souls what they profess. The world is tired and sick of sham. Let your whole heart be given up to God's service. Aim high. God wants us all to be His ambassadors. It is a position higher than that of any monarch on earth to be a herald of the cross, but you must be filled with the Holy Spirit. A great many people are afraid to be filled with the Spirit of God—afraid of being called fanatics. You are not good for anything until the world considers you a fanatic. Fox said that every Quaker should shake the country ten miles around. What does the Scripture say? 'One shall chase a thousand, and two shall put ten thousand to flight.' It takes about a thousand to chase one now."—D. L. Moody.

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The African children played that they were blind.



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The World's Most Unusual University

The Editor Returns From Happy Visit to Bob Jones University, Greenville, South Carolina

By Editor John R. Rice

Although it took me all night, flying from Chicago to Atlanta to Greenville, plus a good deal of shuttling about when the airports at Greenville, Spartanburg, and Charlotte were closed by fog. I had Monday afternoon and Tuesday, March 25 and 26, at Bob Jones University. I never cease to marvel and to rejoice over the blessings of God on that tremendous miracle in modern education, often called "the world's most unusual university."

Dr. Bob Jones, Sr., and I had been, a week ago, together at Garland, Texas, and Monday night he came in from a week's campaign in Lubbock, Texas. It was a joy to be with him again, and with Mrs. Jones.

Dr. Bob Jones, Jr., the distinguished and gifted president, is now preaching in Hamburg, Germany, by special invitation to the American paratroopers. He was flown by the United States Armed Forces to Germany to preach to American boys. It is a blessed opportunity, and many of us are praying for him on this evangelistic mission.

What a treat it has been to be again with Mr. Johnson ("Lefty" to his close friends), with Dean Edwards, with Dr. Stenholm, with Evangelist Marvin Lewis, religious activities director at the university, with the beloved Bowens, (who established the Bowen Biblical Museum here at Bob Jones University, and live in a lovely apartment in the fine museum building), and see once more the fresh enthusiasm and the friendliness of the great student body! It thrilled my heart, as it always does, when I was called from the president's table upstairs, to stand on the balcony and wave to the students in the giant dining hall as they chanted, "Come out, Dr. Rice, come out! Come out, Dr. Rice, come out!" And I spoke to them with great joy at the chapel hour in Rodeheaver Auditorium. (And I was given 35 minutes for the message, instead of the 15 minutes one gets in most schools.)

I spoke also, for nearly an hour to the ministerial students, some 800 of them. How earnest their faces! How intent was their gaze as I preached to them out of the Word of God! I trust there were many holy resolutions and that the tears in some eyes and the solemn handclaps afterwards indicated some permanent blessing from God. It was good to visit Bob Jones University again. Of course I come every year at some time or other, and will return, as I regularly do, at commencement time, God willing.

The Unprecedented Cultural Emphasis at B.J.U.

I am more impressed every time I return to Bob Jones University with the tremendous cultural emphasis here. I have some acquaintance with schools, particularly Christian schools, being a graduate of Decatur Baptist College, of Baylor University, having done two years' work in Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary,

some graduate work in the University of Chicago, and being officially connected with two other great Christian schools at present. I thank God for them all, but I do not know in any school in America a cultural program that even approaches the emphasis at B.J.U.

The student body is a cosmopolitan one. Ofttimes a Christian school has students from only one denominational background, or from only one state, or from only one section, but Bob Jones University has them from California and from Maine, from the deep South and from the North, and from some thirty or more denominations, as I recall. They come with a like love for Christ and the Bible. They come to be taught the blessed Word of God and to grow in Christian leadership. But they come from everywhere.

I was approached this morning by a student from Mexico whose father translated my book, *Prayer—Asking and Receiving*, into Spanish in Mexico, where it has been published. Here are the sons and daughters of many Christian leaders all over America. What a blessing to have Christian friends on a world-wide scale, and to have the largeness of mind and heart which comes from such broad contacts!

I sat this morning for a time in the "Green Room" in the five-story Rodeheaver Auditorium. Nearby were the properties, the robes and costumes, the supplies and stage properties that are used continually in Shakespearean plays, in "Faust," in light opera and grand opera, and every Sunday evening in the vesper services. I remember that the costumes, worth many thousands of dollars, rival those of the Metropolitan Grand Opera. And I am reminded again that Shakespeare is as familiarly talked on this campus as "rock and roll" and bebop and jive are talked on most other campuses! I was reminded that speech and voice training are given here without extra cost and that fine arts recitals see the auditorium, seating 3,000, packed with students, faculty, staff and friends. All good schools have fine arts departments, but I do not know another large school where fine arts are interwoven in all the fabric of school and cultural and social life, as they are at Bob Jones University. And remember, Bob Jones University turns out no movie actors, no professional actors. It turns out cultured Christian ladies and gentlemen.

On the campus is a full-scale



Dr. Bob Jones, Sr., founder, and Dr. Bob Jones, Jr., president Bob Jones University

radio station. Here preachers learn radio work and actually preach the Gospel, or act as announcers, or write continuity, and Christian young people get experience that will fit them for some of the most influential activities in Christian work.

Here is the Bowen Biblical Museum, far exceeding anything I know of in any Christian school in America in the antiquities and relics, the reproduction of biblical scenes and customs, the artifacts from ancient sites. And how the Bowens make it come alive!

Here is the art gallery, already becoming famous where students and visitors alike get acquainted with some of the greatest art pictures of the world.

And the young men and women are dressed like ladies and gentlemen and act like ladies and gentlemen. I saw no "sloppy joes" on the campus. Boys wear ties and coats. There is courtesy and friendliness and an eagerness to learn, to be somebody, that is infectious. Thank God, I say, for the cultural emphasis at Bob Jones University which is more all-pervading and influential than on any campus in America with which I am acquainted, and as far as I can judge.

But God and the Gospel Come First

I stood in chapel this morning reverently while every student and teacher and staff member stood and went through the daily ritual of repeating a statement of faith:

"I believe in the inspiration of the Bible, both the Old and the New Testaments; the creation of man by the direct act of God; the incarnation and virgin birth of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ; His identification as the Son of God; His vicarious atonement for the sins of mankind by the shedding of His blood on the cross; the resurrection of His body from the tomb; His power to save men from sin; the new

birth through the regeneration by the Holy Spirit; and the gift of eternal life by the grace of God."

Every student at Bob Jones University knows what are the essentials of the Christian faith. Every student memorizes and says at every chapel service the statement of faith. No student could possibly think that it does not matter, or that it is secondary. These great fundamentals of the faith are stressed constantly.

Nobody in Bob Jones University is likely to get the idea that it is more important to be scholarly than to be true to the Bible.

One of the things that pleases me most about Bob Jones University is the faithfulness of the leaders in backing honest soul-winning men who sacrifice and are persecuted for Jesus' sake, as evangelists. Regularly the greatest soul winners of this age, the best defenders of the historic Christian faith, are welcomed on the campus at Bob Jones University. In B.J.U. class rooms there is never a sneer at Harry Rimmer, or Dr. W. B. Riley or W. J. Bryan.

It was very interesting to me to learn that of some 800 ministerial students at Bob Jones University, about 500 of them are Baptists. And I find that more of them leave as Baptists than came as Baptists. I think this is because men fully taught in the Word of God tend to go to independent local congregations as pastor, where they will not be bound by modernistic hierarchy, than to go into the larger denominations which have an episcopacy and no freedom to be true to Christ. Dr. Bob Jones, Sr., however, has a Methodist background, and Dr. Bob Jones, Jr., is an active minister of the Christian and Missionary Alliance. The Bible teaching is undenominational but true to the Scriptures.

Old-Fashioned, High Moral Standards Maintained

One of the things that pleases me most about this great Christian university is the fine Christian philosophy of life maintained

there. Students are taught to "do right though the stars fall." Continually I hear of scandalous goings-on at some other Christian colleges. The supervision at Bob Jones University is the kind that good Christian homes wish for their young people. Strangely enough, some Christian people, notably officials and partisans of other Christian colleges, sometimes criticize Bob Jones University more for its strict moral and ethical standards than the modernists do for its stand for the fundamentals of the faith. But the results in turning out men and women of character and leadership vindicate the stand.

I think it, and Tennessee Temple schools, which has similar standards, have far and away the happiest student body that I have ever had frequent contact with. The students seem to be better integrated and better orientated, pursuing a settled and happy course, than those of other schools with which I am acquainted.

For Ministerial Students Who Desire Seminary Work

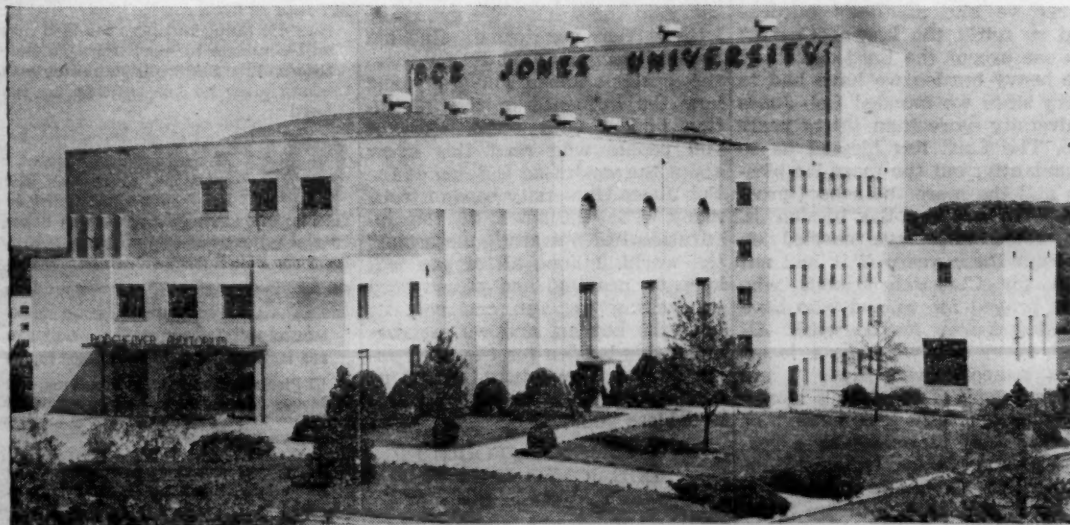
Bob Jones University has the Graduate School of Religion where fine seminary work is done for graduate degrees in theology. We recommend that ministers, instead of going to some modernistic school, consider Bob Jones University or Temple Seminary at Chattanooga as a place to learn the Bible and get the preparation for the ministry which they need. They may be sure of several things. First, they will have constant inspiration to win souls. Second, they will come out with a stronger faith in the Bible as the Word of God. Third, they will have an opportunity for training and development in those leadership qualities of culture and character which are often decisive in the minister's life.

I was glad to learn that there have been 100 more applications for next year than there were at this time last year. Those interested should write to Bob Jones University, Greenville, South Carolina.

Bob Jones Comment

We read in Proverbs 9:8, "Reprove not a scorner, lest he hate thee: rebuke a wise man, and he will love thee." According to this statement the test of a man's wisdom is his ability to take a rebuke. Sometime ago the writer wrote an old friend a friendly letter criticizing this friend about certain things of which he is reported to be guilty. The writer appealed to the friend to return unto the Lord and be restored again to the old-time Christian fellowship. It happens that the friend to whom I wrote resented what I said. I have been greatly tempted to write him a letter and ask him to read Proverbs 9:8.

A boy at a country school got a bumblebee, put it in a box, put a lid on the box and put the box in his hip pocket. He went into the school-room after the lunch hour. The lid came off the box. The bumblebee began his operations. The teacher kept ordering the boy to sit still. The boy tried to sit still but he couldn't. The teacher said, "Didn't I tell you to keep still?" "Yes, you did, teacher, but there is something going on here you don't know nothing about." A man who resents the effort of a friend to help him spiritually usually has something in his life he doesn't want the world to know anything about.—Bob Jones, Sr.



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Easter Morning . . .

As dawn crept o'er the garden fair,
Around the vault where Jesus lay,
The heavy-hearted women came,
Their last sad solemn dues to pay
To Him who through the glad some years
Their hearts and souls so strangely stirred,
Who healed their hurts, who stilled their fears,
Who spake the True and Living Word.

A glance within the opened tomb,
The message of the angel given,
On joyous eager feet they run
To tell the news: The Lord is risen;
The promise made has been fulfilled;
Within the tomb He may not stay;
But bursting from the bonds of death
Comes forth this first glad Easter Day.

With joyful hearts repeat the news
To men bowed down with grief and pain:
O'er sin and death the victory's won;
The Lord returns with us to reign.
Triumphant o'er the powers of Hell,
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WITH THE Evangelists

REPORTS FROM AMERICA'S OUTSTANDING SOUL WINNERS

By the Editor

(NOTE: We are happy to publish honest reports of blessed revivals from trustworthy evangelists and churches. However, if you send us your report for publication, PLEASE give exact statistics, as far as possible, concerning conversions, rededications, additions, etc., or we may not print it. We especially appreciate reports from pastors and chairmen of union campaigns.)

Rev. Lew Miller, pastor of the Baptist mission in St. Peters, Missouri, writes his appreciation of **EVANGELIST DEL FEHSEN-FELD**, 4521 Jarboe, Kansas City, Missouri, who spent 6 days with the mission recently in revival services. "Brother Del is a strong preacher against sin . . . he will help any preacher with whom he works," says Brother Miller.

A good letter comes from Rev. Philip LaBue, pastor of Bennett Baptist Church, Bennett, Colorado. "Dear Brother Rice:

"Greetings in the name of our wonderful Lord. I praise God for every remembrance of you.

"We have just closed a very successful revival campaign with Brother **HUGH PYLE**, of Atlanta, Georgia. A night by night record for the eight nights shows that 49 responded to the invitation of rededication and 19 responded to the invitation for salvation. Besides this our church has benefited more than can be expressed in words. Wrongs were made right; people have been reconciled to one another, etc.

"Once again I wish to thank you for the night of service you gave us here at Bennett, Colo., last year when your fine son-in-law, Walt Handford, was with us.

"Tomorrow night a group of our people will be going to Brother Ed Nelson's church in Hoffman Heights to hear 'Bill' preach. We're hoping that we may be able to engage him for a campaign next spring.

"Sincerely yours in Christ,
(Signed) "Philip LaBue, pastor"
Brother Pyle's mailing address is 1721 South Gordon Street, S.W., Atlanta 10, Georgia.

EVANGELIST B. R. LAKIN saw 35 people accept Christ as Saviour in an 8-day revival campaign at the Mims Baptist Church, Mims, Florida. Rev. Hugh Beasley, pastor, writes, "We thank God for a man such as Dr. Lakin that is not afraid to preach. The church was full and people were in the yard each night of the week. . . ."

Eighteen first-time decisions for Christ were made in a revival meeting led by **EVANGELIST RALPH M. DAVIDSON**, Box 77, Coffeyville, Kansas, at the Lincoln Boulevard Baptist Church, Muscatine, Iowa. Ten backsliders were restored, and 65 rededications were

reported. "I would highly recommend Brother Davidson to any pastor who is seeking a man to do the Lord's work. Brother Davidson is a Spirit-filled man, a humble man, and one who really loves souls," says the pastor, Rev. Emmett W. Barnes.

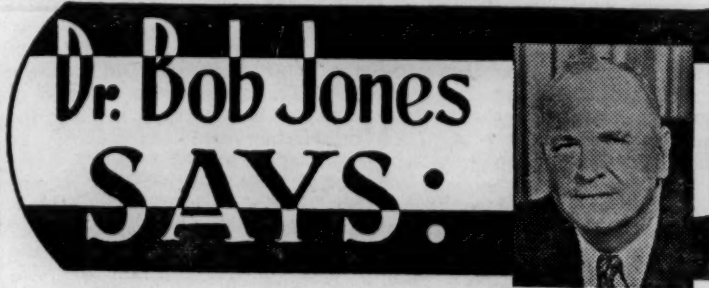
Rev. Alfred Thornton, pastor of the Independent Baptist Church, Jefferson City, Missouri, reports a good revival with **EVANGELIST EDDIE WAGNER**, 123 North Van Buren, Little Rock, Arkansas. In two services at the state penitentiary, 17 professions of faith were made in one service and 14 in the other.

Forty-five conversions were recorded in a meeting under the direction of **EVANGELIST JOE MILLER**, Maple Avenue, Camp Hill, Pennsylvania, in the Evangel Baptist Church, Lewistown, Pennsylvania. Five people came forward to rededicate their lives to the Lord. The pastor, Rev. Joseph F. MacMullen, writes, "Brother Miller is a strong gospel preacher. He is wonderful to work with and easy to entertain. He makes no appeal for money and will go to churches large or small. He rides no hobbies, does not slam other churches, but preaches against sin and false teaching wherever it is found. . . . We are glad to announce that Brother Joe Miller will spend July, August and September as a Sword evangelist and is available for meetings. Please write him.

EVANGELIST FREDDIE GAGE, 7709 Bearden Lane, Dallas, Texas, recently held a fine 8-day campaign in the First Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Arkansas. There were 104 additions to the church—67 by baptism and 37 by letter. Twelve other conversions were recorded. Seventy-one families promised to have family altars and more than 200 came forward for dedication of life. The pastor, Rev. R. J. McMillan, recommends Brother Gage and his song leader, Jimmy Snelen, very highly and says, "Freddie preaches with power and his messages are Spirit-led. He is a Bible preacher and uses much Scripture in his message. . . ."

DR. O. E. SANDEN, preacher and scientist, spoke for a week recently at the Peoples Church, Tor-

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Paul, writing with the pen of inspiration to the Galatians, said, "Bear ye one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ." No one except the Lord can know the heavy burden we have had to carry since we founded Bob Jones University more than thirty years ago. The Lord has blessed us so abundantly; but the more He blesses and the more the school prospers, the heavier the burden is. We could not have carried on through these years if it had not been for Christian friends who have prayed for us and who have invested money in the work. Almost every day we have a letter from someone who says, "I am sending some of the Lord's money to help you with the work," or "Please send literature to a certain person. I am trying to influence him or her to attend Bob Jones University," or "I am praying daily that the Lord will give

you and Dr. Bob, Jr., and your associates strength and wisdom to carry on the work." We get many letters from our former students that tell us what God did for them through Bob Jones University and how the influence of the institution lingers with them. Most of you people who read this know about the work God is doing at the Bob Jones University base of testimony. The influence of the institution has literally gone around the world. I hope all of you will keep on praying, and please keep on writing us. You can help us bear the burden, and we are carrying this burden for the Lord Jesus Christ. How about letting us hear from you? Thank you and God bless you.

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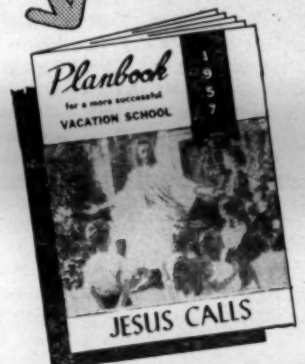
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Fifty-two people accepted Christ as Saviour in a revival campaign led by **EVANGELIST JIMMIE THRELFALL**, 196 Lorberta Lane, Pontiac, Michigan, in the Centenary Evangelical United Brethren Church, Biglerville, Pennsylvania. Twelve rededications were recorded. The pastor, Rev. Laverne E. Rohrbaugh, highly recommends the work of Brother Threlfall and that of the musical director, Rev. Harold L. Lyman, Union City, Pennsylvania.

EVANGELIST JIMMY O'QUINN saw 34 people take Christ as Saviour in a revival campaign at the Manchester Baptist Church, Houston, Texas. A total of 45 joined the church—34 by baptism and 11 by letter. Fifty-one members pledged to begin tithing. Rev. Joe A. Kelley, pastor, recommends Brother O'Quinn highly.

EVANGELIST BOB OUGHTON
P. O. Box 50, Belleville, Illinois
writes of the Lord's blessing in
several recent meetings.

At the Free Gospel Church in North Braddock, Pennsylvania, there were 23 decisions for salvation. Six young people surrendered for full-time service.

Seventeen were saved in the Faith Calvary Church, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, Rev. Arthur Funkhouser, pastor. Other decisions were recorded, also. While in the Lancaster area Brother Oughton spoke to two Youth for Christ groups. Three accepted Christ as Saviour and many made rededications.

In 3 days at the Tabernacle of Faith, Irwin, Pennsylvania, many Christians were revived and 1 person was converted under Brother Oughton's leadership.

EVANGELIST EDDIE WAGNER, 123 North Van Buren, Little Rock, Arkansas, was with the First Baptist Church, Morrisonville, Illinois, for 8 days recently. "This has been nothing less than a real visitation of the Spirit of God," writes the pastor, Rev. Richard F. Cagle. Thirty-two people were saved; 137 made rededications, 19 people made first-time vows to tithe, 30 promised to begin having family altars, and 31 young people dedicated their lives to the Lord.

Forty-nine people were saved and joined the Sanborn Baptist Church, Amarillo, Texas, in a revival campaign led by **EVANGELIST PAUL CARLIN**, Box 1488, Plainview, Texas. Nearly 150 other decisions were reported. Rev. Nolan Rucker is pastor.

Rev. Hoyett Lemmon, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Arkansas City, Kansas, sends a report of a fine revival with **EVANGELIST JIM ANDERSON**, 429 West Grand, Springfield, Missouri. Seven accepted Christ as Saviour during the meetings and 3 joined the church by letter. There were 26 first-time professions of faith in a service led by Brother Anderson at a government Indian industrial school near the city. Brother Lemmon writes of Evangelist Anderson: "He is only twenty years of age, but his ability to preach is that of a veteran of many years . . . His messages are

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Meditations Before Easter

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Sabbath, Saturday, the seventh day. In that Sabbath a man would be stoned for picking up fuel (Num. 15:32-36). On the Sabbath one was forbidden to even have a fire in the house (Exod. 35:3). On the Sabbath one could not

even move out of his house, even to worship, but must stay at home and rest (Exod. 16:29). But, now, after "the end of the sabbath" we are expressly commanded: "Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days. Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ" (Col. 2:14-17). When Jesus arose it was "the end of the sabbaths."

2. It is the end of atonement. Jesus said on the cross, "It is finished." The way of salvation is finished. No one needs to pay anything more. All is paid! It is finished. The resurrected Saviour is proof that one may be saved freely, by simply trusting the finished work of Christ.

3. It is the end of sacrifices, for "there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins" (Heb. 10:26). The Lamb of God has died! Therefore kill no more lambs! Bring no more young bullocks to the altar! Do not wring the heads from turtledoves or young pigeons! Let not the hot blood spurt from a dying beast and be sprinkled around the altar on earth. For already in Heaven the blood of the perfect Lamb of God has been sprinkled and it is the end of sacrifices!

4. It was the end of sorrow for the disciples. "Verily, verily, I say unto you, That ye shall weep and lament, but the world shall rejoice: and ye shall be sorrowful, but your sorrow shall be turned into joy. A woman when she is in travail hath sorrow, because her hour is come: but as soon as she is delivered of the child, she remembereth no more the anguish, for joy that a man is born into the world. And ye now therefore have sorrow, but I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice, and your joy no man taketh from you" (John 16:20-22).

Jesus died. The blackest despair that ever descended on human hearts overcame the disciples. Their hope was blighted and gone. They gave up their ministry. They had played the fool, they felt. They were the scorn of the multitude! Of all the miserable failures the world had ever seen, they seemed the worst! Their hearts were torn with bereaved love, and they were shamed by failure and disappointment. Their air-castles faded, their hopes crumbled, Jesus was dead! The Saviour after all was not a Saviour, but only a poor, misguided man. Such must have been their thoughts. But now when Jesus rose from the dead their sorrow was turned to joy! Appearing in the upper room with the disciples, He showed them His hands and His side, and said, "Peace be unto you." And we are told, "Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the Lord" (John 20:20). The resurrection of Jesus is the end of sorrows.

II. "For the Angel of the Lord Descended From Heaven, and Came and Rolled Back the Stone From the Door, and Sat Upon It."—Matthew 28:2

The angel rolled back the stone from the door of the sepulcher. It was the same stone about which the poor, grieving women said, "Who shall roll us away the stone from the door?" (Mark 16:3). They wanted to embalm the dead body of the Saviour. They wanted to wrap spices about the dead body of the Saviour. They wanted to delay the stink of putrefaction, the maggots of corruption that they thought would destroy the beloved body. But they dreaded the stone over the door! The stone represented death which had seemingly conquered the Saviour. It represented the might of the Roman Empire which had killed Him. It represented the hate of the Jewish leaders who had delivered Him to death and who had laughed Him to scorn while He died. The stone represented the betrayal of Judas and the mockings of the multitude. "Who shall roll us away the stone from the door?" Oh, the torment of death, uncon-

SWORD Wins Man in Iraq

A beloved friend, B. Jacob, in Beirut, Lebanon, sent us the names of a good many influential people who read English in Lebanon, Iraq and Iran, and asked that we send subscriptions to THE SWORD OF THE LORD. With prayer in our hearts, we sent the subscriptions to them through the Ministers and Missionary Subscription Gift Fund, and the editor wrote a kindly letter. One man wrote that he was a Catholic and needed no other literature. Others wrote most favorable and friendly letters. Now from Brother Jacob we have the following fine news:

"One friend of mine, to whom you sent THE SWORD says, 'this generous spirit broke me down to accept Christ as my Saviour,' and he is rejoicing. An elder of my church was saved in a PTO evangelistic meeting. THE SWORD must have been a real blessing to him."

quered, of a world full of tribulation, of a death full of fear, of an eternity without hope!

But the angel rolled away the stone from the door. The grave is open. And he not only rolled away the stone from the door, but he SAT UPON IT! What a glorious, triumphant word it is! It was easy for the angel to roll back the stone. And then in triumph he sat upon it. That stone is down. It will never any more cover the grave of the Saviour. Death has been whipped and whipped for good for any child of God! I can look into an open grave and remember that an angel opened up the grave and rolled back the stone and sat down on it.

Even today in Heaven the dear Saviour is seated and I laugh in my heart as I think of the angel who sat down upon the stone, and opened up the grave and hope of Heaven and the vast vista of a happy eternity with God for every Christian. Death has lost its sting and the grave its power and sorrow its torture for the child of God who looks into the open grave which has been conquered.

III. "And for Fear of Him the Keepers Did Shake, and Became as Dead Men. And the Angel Answered and Said Unto the Women, Fear Not Ye: for I Know That Ye Seek Jesus, Which Was Crucified. He Is Not Here: for He Is Risen, as He Said."—Matthew 28:4-6

Fear is mentioned in both verses 4 and 5 of this passage. When the angel of God descended from Heaven and rolled back the stone from the door and sat upon it, with a countenance like lightning, the soldiers who were assigned to guard the sealed sepulcher were astonished and troubled. They shook with fear. They were literally paralyzed with fright, "and became as dead men."

Well may the resurrection of Jesus Christ cause trembling and fear to unconverted sinners! In the Garden of Gethsemane, when the mob, probably including these same soldiers, saw Jesus, He said, "I am he," and "As soon then as he had said unto them, I am he, they went backward, and fell to the ground" (John 18:6). When Jesus was on the cross and the earth trembled and graves were opened, and the veil of the temple was torn in two by the unseen hand of God, and a great darkness covered the earth, then "when the centurion, and they that were with him, watching Jesus, saw the earthquake, and those things that were done, they feared greatly, saying, Truly this was the Son of God" (Matt. 27:54).

Well may unconverted people tremble at the resurrected Saviour! For God has raised up Jesus to be the judge of the quick and the dead. And the resurrection is proof that God "hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead" (Acts 17:31). And one day wicked men

will cry for the rocks and the mountains to fall on them to hide them from the face of Him that sitteth on the throne! I do not wonder that the soldiers feared and trembled and became as dead men, when they saw the open tomb and the angel of God announcing that Christ was risen!

But in the next verse, the angel of God answers sweetly to the timid women, "Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. He is not here: for he is risen, as he said."

Let the soldiers, representing the might of the Roman Empire, tremble before that open grave. Let lost sinners everywhere be frightened when they think of facing the pierced Saviour and having God's record books opened, and hearing the thunderous voice of Christ in judgment. But those who know and love and trust the Lord Jesus Christ can hear Him say in the heart, "Fear not."

When Jesus was to be born, and the angel came to tell Zacharias that he would be the father of a son, John, the forerunner of the Saviour, the angel said, "Fear not, Zacharias."

The angel Gabriel came to announce the conception of the Saviour, and he said, "Fear not, Mary."

When the angel of God came to announce the birth of Jesus to the shepherds, he said, "Fear not, for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people."

Now that Jesus is risen from the dead, the angel says to the women who came to bring spices to anoint the body they thought would be at the point of decay, "Fear not."

Long later when John the beloved was an old man, exiled to the island of Patmos, the Lord Jesus appeared to him. John fell at His feet as dead, but the resurrected, glorified Saviour laid his right hand on John and said, "Fear not" (Rev. 1:17). And as an argument to still John's fears Jesus said, "I am the first and the last: I am he that liveth, and was dead; and behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death" (Rev. 1:17, 18).

You see, when Jesus rose from the dead, He ended all the fear which the Christian ever need have about death.

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But, blessed be God, when I face the risen Saviour, I do not tremble, expecting judgment and condemnation, as I deserve. Rather, I come expecting mercy. My sins are paid for on the cross and Jesus ever lives to make inter-

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cession for me. So to all who gather around the open grave at Easter time, the dear Lord Jesus has His angel say, "Fear not." Christ is risen!

And Jesus has the keys of death and of Hell. I do not need to fear the grave. Christ has conquered it. Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil. The wrath of God has been spent on His dear Son who was my substitute. Now I am accepted in the beloved, pardoned for Jesus' sake; I am made nigh by the blood of His cross!

I do not fear the grave for my loved ones. Jesus Christ conquered the grave. I do not fear the grave for myself. The same Spirit that raised Jesus Christ from the dead dwells in our mortal bodies and shall raise them up when Christ calls. The risen Saviour says, "Fear not," and so I lay aside all my fears and rest sweetly in the fellowship of a Saviour who has paid for all my sins and blotted them out and forgotten them, and will remember them no more forever!

In verse 8 we are told, "And they departed quickly from the sepulcher with fear and great joy." There was still fear mingled with their joy. But "as they went to tell his disciples, behold, Jesus met them . . . Then said Jesus unto them, Be not afraid" (Matt. 28:9, 10). Again and again Christ our risen Saviour speaks to us who love Him, and who have trusted in His atoning blood, and rested in His finished work, "Fear not! Be not afraid!"

IV. "Come, See the Place Where the Lord Lay. And Go Quickly, and Tell His Disciples That He Is Risen From the Dead."—Matthew 28:6,7

What blessed words of the angel who sat on the stone at the door of the grave whence Jesus had come forth! We are to tell

people that Christ is risen, and we are to rejoice in His resurrection; but first, let us "Come, see the place where the Lord lay."

The resurrection really has no meaning except to those who know that Jesus died. All this silly business of bunny rabbits and Easter eggs and lilies never blessed anybody. The odor of Easter lilies and Easter greeting cards and new bonnets—these never brought comfort to a troubled soul. There is no real meaning in Easter at all except that the Lord Jesus died and paid for the sins of all mankind and therefore my sins can be forgiven, yea, since I trusted Jesus they are forgiven! The crucifixion is the background of the resurrection. To preach resurrection without blood atonement is folly. It is a horse's tail with no head, it is a make-believe victory with no battle, it is rejoicing with nothing to rejoice about.

And so with the individual Christian. We ought to go to win souls; yes—we must tell people about our Saviour, but first we must enter into the agony of the cross. Yes, we must even reckon ourselves indeed to be dead to sin. We must, like Paul, feel that: "I fill up that which is behind of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh for his body's sake" (Col. 1:24). Only as we enter into His compassion, suffering with Him, denying self as He did, can we go out to win souls. First, "Come see the place where the Lord lay," and then we can "Go quickly, and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead." One has no real message who has not been to the place of Christ's crucifixion and entered into His death.

V. "And as They Went to Tell His Disciples, Behold, Jesus Met Them, Saying, All Hail. And They Came and Held Him by the Feet, and Worshipped Him."—Matthew 28:9

It is significant that at first only the angel met the women who came to bring spices to the grave. But when they followed instructions and went to bring His disciples word, then Jesus Himself met them!

If you want to meet Jesus, in person, and hold Him by the feet and worship Him, you need not expect to find Him when you retire to a monastery and meditate, nor when you sleep on rough boards, nor when you wear sackcloth. You need not expect to meet Jesus and have the joy of His presence and power when you study doctrines or when you seek holiness as a subjective experience, nor when you strive so earnestly for the "deeper life." No, the place to find fellowship with Jesus Christ is in obedience, carrying the blessed Gospel. It was "as they went to tell his disciples" that "behold, Jesus met them."

The dearest thing to the heart of God is soul winning. It was that for which the Lord Jesus came into the world (1 Tim. 1:15). And again we are told that "the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost" (Luke 19:10). The salvation of sinners is the only thing about which we know that makes those in the presence of the angels in Heaven rejoice (Luke 15:7). The commission, the Great Commission, the all-inclusive command of Jesus Christ, our risen Saviour, is to "Go tell," first here the angel commanded them, "go quickly, and tell his disciples . . ." Then Jesus met them on a mountain where He had appointed them, and gave them the Great Commission to take the Gospel to every creature, to make disciples in all nations. Oh, I have long since learned that the way to the fellowship of Christ, the way to unceasing joy and victory is to put first things first, to work at soul winning.

How often I have felt so alone

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imply the same glorious fact. They all speak of Christ Jesus as the living one, who once died for our sins. Concerning what other ancient historical event can the testimony of so many eyewitnesses be cited?

Even the enemies of the Gospel bore unwilling witness to the resurrection by their clumsy efforts to interpret to their advantage the empty sepulcher on that first Easter Sunday. They knew Jesus had predicted that He would rise again in three days, and so they went to Pilate demanding that steps be taken to prevent His disciples from stealing the body of their Master. Pilate gave them a guard and commanded the sealing of the tomb, and grimly added, "Make it as sure as ye can!" But all their efforts were in vain. When the appointed hour struck, angelic hands broke the Roman imperial seal and rolled back the stone, revealing an empty crypt—the body was not there. Certainly none of His foes rifled that grave. They were determined to keep the body of Jesus there as long as time should last. And if they could have produced that body later, in order to disprove the message of the resurrection, certainly they would have done so.

And it is preposterous to credit the story circulated by the wily priesthood that His disciples came by night, and stole away His body, for even they "knew not the scripture, that he must rise from the dead." The amazing thing is that His enemies remembered what His friends had forgotten. The empty tomb was as great a shock to those who loved Jesus, as it was a fearful portent to those who hated Him.

Christ's Bodily Resurrection Real

Only the personal appearances of the risen Christ convinced them of the reality of His resurrection. The forty days during which He appeared to them on many occasions, instructing them concerning the kingdom of God, furnished ample proof that He had really triumphed over death, and this glorious fact gave them that confidence which enabled them to stand against all opposition, witnessing to every man that God had raised His body from the grave. They beheld Him as He was taken up

as I battled for revival, as I loved and prayed, and warned, and preached, and pleaded. I have felt that I was a voice crying in the wilderness. Sometimes I have felt, like Elijah, that God did not have 7,000 yet who had not bowed the knee to Baal, but that I was left alone. But in the midst of the loneliness and burden of crying for revival and working at soul winning, I have found the sweet presence of the Lord Jesus. He has said to me, "All hail!" And I, too, have come and held Him by the feet and worshipped Him!

It is well that in the approaching Easter time we may know that Christ is risen from the dead. That is a glorious fact. It guarantees Heaven for believers. It makes all good things certain for God's children. But we can have the conscious presence, the joyful fellowship of the Lord Jesus Christ now, day by day, if we obey the plain word to "run to bring his disciples word" and if we "go ye therefore, and teach all nations," for He promised plainly, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." That promise is the soul winner's promise. Christ is risen for all the saved, but His most joyous fellowship and sweetest communion are for those who do the work so dear to His heart of getting out the Gospel and keeping sinners out of Hell!

There is no more room. But I beg you to meditate earnestly on the Scriptures concerning the resurrection of Christ, and to beg the sweet Spirit of God to interpret the Scriptures to your heart and guide you into all truth. What a blessed truth that Jesus Christ is risen from the dead! Joseph's new tomb is empty. And now 'he ever liveth to make intercession for us' according to the will of God.

from them into Heaven in that same body, and after receiving the Pentecostal endowment, they went about bearing witness to the resurrection of their Lord with great power.

This is the outstanding message of the church. He who died for our sins lives again for our justification. The resurrection of the material body of flesh and bones is the proof that God is satisfied with the redemptive work of His Son. It declares that God can now be just and the justifier of him who believes on the Lord Jesus. To say that though Christ is dead as to the body He is alive as to the spirit will not do. That might be true of any man. It would be no evidence of divine satisfaction in His work.

Some years ago an eloquent New York preacher, who denies the physical resurrection of the Saviour, declared, "The body of Jesus still sleeps in an unknown Syrian tomb, but His soul goes marching on!" Many applauded this as a wonderful explanation of the influence of Jesus down through the ages. But it is utterly false and fallacious. If the body of Jesus still rests in the grave, He was not what He professed to be and is powerless to save.

This heresy (for heresy it is) is not new. It became prevalent in certain circles even in apostolic days, as 1 Corinthians 15 proves. In the Corinthian church there were some who accepted the teaching of the Sadducees and denied the reality of a literal resurrection. Sternly, Paul challenges them in the well-known words:

"Now if Christ be preached that he rose from the dead, how say some among you that there is no resurrection of the dead? But if there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen: And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain. Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God; because we have testified of God that he raised up Christ: whom he raised not up, if so be that the dead rise not. For if the dead rise not, then is not Christ raised: And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins. Then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished. If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable."—1 Cor. 15:12-19.

Here is sturdy logic indeed, and withal inspired by the Holy Spirit. If Christ be not risen we have no Gospel to preach, and there is no message of deliverance for poor, lost sinners held captive in chains of iniquity. Faith in a dead Christ will not save anyone. The Gospel is the dynamic of God unto salvation because it proclaims a living, loving Redeemer who is waiting to manifest His power on behalf of all who trust in Him.

What the Resurrection of Christ Attests

Let us then notice carefully what the Word of God tells us about this glorious truth.

First: The resurrection of the Lord Jesus attests the truthfulness of His claims concerning His divine person and mission. To His enemies He said, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." But He spake of the temple of His body. To His disciples He declared, "No man taketh it [My life] from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and . . . to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father." He definitely told them that the Son of man must be betrayed into the hands of sinners, and He added, "They shall scourge him, and put him to death: and the third day he shall rise again" (Luke 18:33).

Therefore if He failed to come out of the tomb in a resurrected, physical body of flesh and bones, all that He claimed regarding Himself and His saving power was invalidated. But He did not fail! It was not possible that He should be holden of death. He fulfilled His Word by rising again on the third day.

Second: His resurrection attests the truth of the prophetic Scriptures. The Old Testament abounds

in prophecies of Messiah's death and resurrection. In Psalm 16, David foretold concerning Him, "Thou wilt not leave my soul in hell [Sheol, or Hades, the abode of the dead]; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption." Both Peter and Paul show us that this passage had its fulfillment in the resurrection of Christ.

Isaiah wrote seven hundred years before His birth, "When thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in his hand" (Isa. 53:10). Here is a remarkable statement. Death was not to end the activities of Jehovah's Servant. After He had given His life as an oblation for sin, He was to prolong His days, and so in resurrection be the Administrator of God's great plan for the blessing of mankind.

Third: The resurrection of the Lord Jesus was the display of omnipotent power on our behalf. In Ephesians 1:17-23 we have the apostle's prayer for all believers. He asks that the eyes of their hearts might be opened, in order that they might know the hope of His calling; the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints; and the "exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, which he wrought in Christ when he raised him from the dead." The same mighty energy that was put forth to revivify the body of Jesus, and raise Him

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Somehow, we are persuaded that in this rapidly closing hour of grace, when the sinister shadow of Antichrist hovers nearer and nearer, there is a special urgency in God's desire that Israel shall receive kindness and mercy from His true followers. The Abrahamic covenant is still valid, and God will bless him who brings blessing to the Jew. There is no greater blessing than the acceptance of the Gospel and salvation through the Lord Jesus Christ.

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from among the dead, is the power that quickens dead souls into newness of life and energizes children of God so as to enable them to live even here on earth a heavenly life of victory over sin, while they walk in fellowship with Him under the control of His Holy Spirit.

Fourth: The resurrection of Christ is the proof that the sin question has been settled to God's satisfaction. On the cross our sins were laid upon Him. He voluntarily accepted responsibility for them. He bore them in His own body on the tree. "[He] was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for [or, on account of] our justification" (Rom. 4:25). When God raised His Son from death it was His way of expressing His recognition of the perfection of His finished work. If sin had not been forever put away, He would never have come forth from that grave; but having paid for us the uttermost farthing, death had no claim upon Him. By raising Him God declared to all created intelligences His full approval of

and His acceptance of the work of His blessed Son.

Fifth: Christ's resurrection is therefore the believing sinner's assurance that his record is now clear. God Himself has no charge against him who puts his trust in Jesus. So we read in Romans 8:32-34:

"He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things? Who shall lay anything to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth. Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us."

Observe that no voice can now be raised to condemn the one who rests in Christ's finished work. His death and resurrection effectually forbid the raising of the sin question again, as far as any believer is concerned. The resurrection is like a receipt for full payment made. On the cross the mighty debt we owed was settled. A risen Christ tells us that every claim has been met and God holds nothing against the believer.

Now we see in Christ's acceptance But the measure of our own, He who lay beneath our sentence Seated high upon the throne.

Sixth: His resurrection is the token that through Him God will judge the world. That judgment is based on man's attitude toward the one whom the Father delights to honor. If men receive Him as Lord and Saviour they will never have to come into judgment for their sins, because He was judged

in their room and stead. But if men refuse Him and spurn His grace, they will not only have to answer before Him for all their sins, but in addition to all the rest, they will be judged for rejecting Him who died to save them.

Lastly: It is His resurrection which alone gives validity to the gospel message and delivers the believer from the fear of death. Turning now to II Timothy 1:8-10, we read this important admonition:

"Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God; Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began, But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel."

Do not, I beg of you, read these words carelessly. Go over them again and again, until their force and their solemnity and their preciousness have gripped your soul. Our entire salvation hangs on the truth that our Saviour, Jesus Christ, has abolished (that is, annulled the power of) death, and has brought life and immortality to light through the Gospel. He went down into the dark stream of death. All its waves and billows rolled over Him. But He came up in resurrection life never to die again. And so for us the waters of this Jordan have been rolled back, and there is a dry way through death for all who believe. Listen to His triumphant words:

"I am the resurrection, and the

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must have known it was there. Why, then, did they not come to our homes and plead with us face to face to be saved? Why didn't the churches do something unusual to capture our interest? Why didn't the preachers, if they be-

lieved in Hell, do something over and above the ordinary and prosaic to gain our attention? We are here because we deserve to be here, but why, oh, why did not the Christians and the preachers do more to save us?"

"But," someone says, "is there then a lost world? Is there an actual Hell? We came because you said you believed death ends all. We thought you might be able to prove that." Well, I will, and from the Bible itself. I will tell you first, however, what death ends for the Christian, and then I will show you from the Bible what death ends for unbelievers.

God's Assurance That Christ Arose

It is thus that God gives assurance unto all men in that He hath raised Christ from the dead. If Satan should try to discourage you by occupying you with your own unworthiness and your manifest shortcomings, do not attempt to argue with him, but look up to the throne of God and there contemplate the risen one who once hung a bleeding Victim on the cross of shame, and whose lifeless body once lay in Joseph's new tomb. Remember, He could not be yonder in the Glory if one sin remained unsettled. Therefore, every believer can sing with assurance:

*The Lord is risen, with Him we also rose,
And in His death see vanquished all our foes.
The Lord is risen, we stand beyond the doom
Of all our sins, through Jesus' empty tomb.*

The young convert was right, who said, when this truth was revealed to him by the Spirit:

"If any one is ever to be kept out of Heaven for my sins, it will have to be Jesus, for He took them all upon Himself and made Himself responsible for them. But He is in Heaven already, never to be turned out, so now I know that I am secure as long as He lives, the one who once died in my place."

This expresses it exactly, for faith is just saying "Amen" to what God has made known in His Word. The believer sets to his seal that God is true, and so rests everything for eternity on the fact that Christ, who died for our sins on the cross of shame, has been raised to endless life.

It is noticeable that the entire Trinity of the Godhead are concerned in this marvelous event, and each divine Person participated in our Lord's rising from among the dead.

As we have already seen, His resurrection is attributed to Himself—"I lay down my life, that I might take it again." Again He said, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up."

It is also attributed to the Father—"The God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep."

The Holy Spirit is likewise recognized as the direct Agent in bringing to pass this stupendous miracle:

"But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you."

And so each Person of the Godhead is concerned in proclaiming the testimony of Jesus and His resurrection to men and women everywhere—those who are dead in trespasses and sins, until quickened by the same mighty power that raised up our blessed Lord and set Him at God's right hand in the highest Heaven.

*Whoso hath felt the Spirit of the Highest,
Cannot confound or doubt Him or deny:
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For the Believer Death Ends All Sorrow and Trouble

Man is born unto trouble as the sparks fly upward, and the Christian is not immune. Believers have trials to endure, disappointments to bear, and tears to shed as the common lot of our humanity. But, thank God, for the Christian death ends all his troubles. "And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes" (Rev. 21:4). The Bible teaches that at death the believer leaves all his sorrows and troubles behind him.

It is the clear teaching of God's Word that at death the soul of the Christian leaves the body and goes into the presence of God in Heaven. This is stated over and over again. In II Corinthians 5:8 we read that to be "absent from the body" is to be "present with the Lord." In Philippians 1:23 Paul says if we "depart" we are "with Christ; which is far better." In Ephesians 3:15 he describes all believers as "the whole family in heaven and earth." The saved who died are in Heaven; the rest are on earth.

There is, therefore, no purgatory as the Roman church teaches. That is merely a human invention utterly unknown in the Bible. At death men pass immediately into the lost world or into Heaven, according to whether or not they are believers in Christ. Jesus said so. He tells of an unsaved man who died, and said, "The rich man also died, and was buried; And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments" (Luke 16:22, 23).

Nor is there any period of soul sleep such as Jehovah's Witnesses and some of the false cults teach. The soul never sleeps. It is the body that sleeps in its bed of dust until it wakes on the resurrection day.

When the soul of the believer ascends to the presence of Christ at death, he is in conscious bliss awaiting the resurrection of the sleeping body. He is as much alive and conscious there as he ever was in this life and is forever free from the sorrow, suffering, and trials of his life on earth. His body is in the grave, but he himself is "with Christ; which is far better." Death ends all trouble for the Christian.

For the Believer Death Ends All Pain

In Revelation 21:4 we read, "And there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain." Bless the Lord, oh my soul, for there will be no pain-racked bodies in the New Jerusalem! No hospitals up there. There is plenty of pain down here. Plenty of groaning in these mortal bodies, subject as they are to disease, decay, and death. But no groaning yonder, only praiseful song. The Bible speaks of "the pains of hell" (Ps. 116:3), but never of Heaven. "Neither shall there be any more pain." For God's people, as far as pain is concerned—death ends all.

For the Christian Death Ends All Bereavement

"And there shall be no more death." That means there will be no funerals in Heaven, no crepe hanging on the door, no weeping mourners, no need of undertakers, no more graves to dig. There will be no cemeteries in the New Jerusalem.

I am glad of that, aren't you? Death is an enemy. Death is the great separator. He comes to all. Rich and poor alike have to bow

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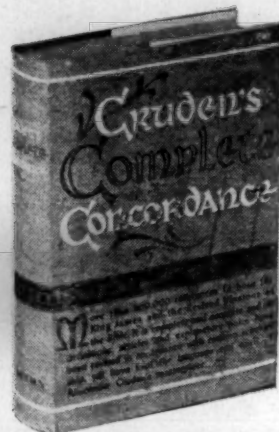
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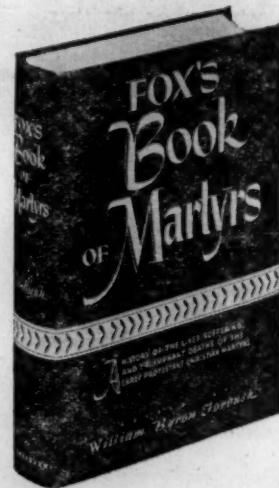
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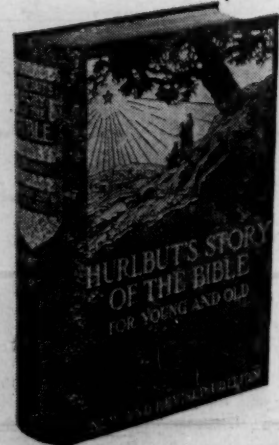
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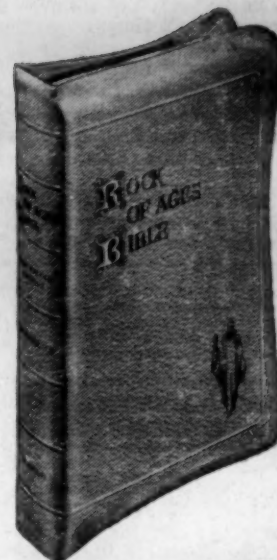
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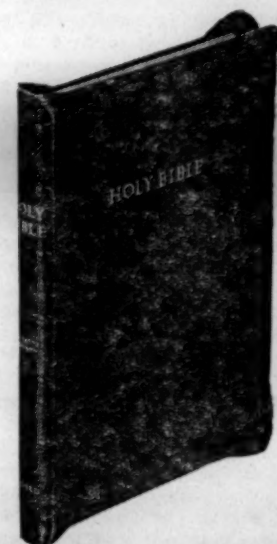
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Why I Believe Death Ends All

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before the grim reaper, for death is no respecter of persons. And he comes at all times:

*Leaves have their time to fall,
And flowers to wither at the
North wind's breath.
But all, thou hast all seasons for
thine own O death.*

But death's reign ends when the Christian goes home to be with God. He will never die again. The Bible tells us there is a "second death" but not for the Christian. "He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death" (Rev. 2:11). Never. That is all past. In the glorious future before the people of God death will be unknown. For us, thank God, death ends all bereavement.

For the Christian Death Ends All Failures

The Christian life is a struggle, a warfare, and not always are we victors. The spirit is willing but the flesh is weak. The godliest Christians are often humbled by defeats. At best we are unprofitable servants and lament our shortcomings. The joy of the Christian life is wonderful, yet we have to confess it is sometimes tinged with regret because of our failures.

But failure and defeat will be a thing of the past when we enter the presence of God. The battle is then over and finally won. With the enemy defeated, temptation a thing of the past, the body of flesh left behind, our joy in Heaven will be undimmed, for death is the end, for the Christian, of all failure.

I now come to the second part of my message and announce that

Death for the Unbeliever Ends All His Pleasure

A famous preacher once said, "Don't grudge the unsaved man his pleasure, he won't have it for long." And that is true, for death will end it all. There is a certain pleasure in fulfilling the lusts of the flesh. The Bible admits that. It speaks of Moses "choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasure of sin for a season" (Heb. 11:25). There is a certain pleasure

in sin but it is temporary, and it never satisfies. Its own devotees confess that. Bruce Barton, gifted and wealthy, took his own life after leaving this message: "I am fed up with trying to invent ways of filling up twenty-four hours a day." But even if pleasure did last undiminished to the very end of life, death would end it all.

The men and women who spend their time in taverns drinking and carousing will find no taverns in the lost world. What will they do? Where will they go? There will be no beer or liquor to slake their thirst, or cool their burning tongue. The distillers and brewers will be there but not their whiskey and beer. There will be no dance halls, no floor shows, no lewd songs, no nude women. They groan in Hell, they do not sing there. Jesus said, "In hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments" (Luke 16:23). He cried, "Send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame" (Luke 16:24).

Oh, my friend, what will you do with this picture Christ paints of a man in Hell? Will you deny the truth of it? Will you say that Christ was a false witness? Will you gamble your destiny on the chance that Jesus Christ was mistaken? He died to save you and me from the everlasting penalty of sin. Do you think the Son of God died to save us from a Hell that does not exist? Over every joyful experience you can ever know in this life hangs this dismal shadow—death ends all your pleasure.

But further,

Death Ends All Opportunity of Being Saved

Many who have lived and died unsaved intended to be saved before they passed away. They had a sort of vague hope that one day, before death, they would be able to turn from their sinful way and be saved. But they never came to the place of deciding. They mistook the intention for the deed. They lived in that intention—and they died in it!

They did not realize that the road to Hell is paved with good

intention, but the paving ends at the gate. In the portal of the lost world it reads—"Abandon hope, all ye who enter here."

Others have lived in the vague hope that even if Hell turned out to be a fact, it could not last forever, for God was a God of love. Somehow, somewhere, there would be another chance after death, and if it really turned out to be an actual place they would then know enough to accept a second chance.

What they did not know, because they did not want to know it, was that this was Satan's lie to deceive them so that they might spend eternity with him in Hell, instead of with Christ in Heaven. If the Bible teaches us anything, it teaches that death leaves the sinner forever without God, and Christ, and hope.

Suppose the Bible taught that after a thousand years in Hell there would be a second chance of salvation, then Satan's victims might find in that far-off hope some alleviation of their misery. But God's Word tells us that death shuts the door of hope, not for a thousand years, but forever upon those who have despised their present opportunity of being saved. God has said, "He, that being often reproved hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy" (Prov. 29:1). Think of it, "destroyed without remedy." If a ship went on the rocks and was battered into little pieces it would be "destroyed without remedy." If that ship could ever be put together again and made seaworthy, then it was not "destroyed without remedy."

What men need to know, and what Satan does not want them to know, is that it is they themselves who do the destroying. Heaven is open now to all who wish to enter, but if a man with open eyes and free will chooses to go to Satan's Hell instead of to God's Heaven, then he becomes the author of his own destruction. He cuts himself off from all that could save him.

Listen, dear friend unsaved, there are certain things essential to our salvation but they are not available in Hell. For one thing there will be no gospel preaching there, "Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (Rom. 10:17). Where does the Bible describe God's servants holding gospel services in the lost

world? Men have to hear the Gospel first before they can believe it. In Hell "how shall they hear without a preacher" (Rom. 10:14)?

And there will be no radio sermons ringing through the corridors of perdition. The plaintive pleading of Charles E. Fuller is not heard there. The stirring tones of Billy Graham won't penetrate the dark caverns of the lost world. The man who turned off the radio when they preached will have his heart's desire then and forever.

Nor will there be any Christian friends to witness before the lost. Their testimony and urgings are refused now. They will be heard then no more. "Between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that would come from hence" (Luke 16:26). This means that the man who forbade his wife to open her mouth on religion will have the silence he desired. The unsaved man to whom I spoke kindly of the goodness of God when we sat together in a Toronto street car, and who told me rudely to "shut up," will not be bothered any more with Christians. They will be far away and in a better world.

Let me repeat it—death ends all opportunity for the unbeliever of ever being saved. It is now or never. There will be no Christians in Hell giving out tracts to be thrown away. There will be no churches to neglect; no Bibles to spurn; no more prayers for their salvation; no sweet little children to lead them to Christ; no Holy Spirit to convict, draw, and regenerate; no more evangelistic meetings to avoid; no more gospel invitations to refuse. I will be giving one in a minute but there will be no preachers or Christians to give gospel invitations in Hell. All those blessed influences cease with this life. Death ends them all.

But Opportunity Is Not Yet Gone!

You have read the stirring and remarkable sermon by Evangelist John Linton. Yes, death will end all your opportunities to be saved, all your hearing of the Gospel, all the moving of the Spirit upon your wicked, Christ-rejecting heart! But death has not come. You who read are still in the land

of the living. The door of mercy is still open.

If you are unconverted, if you have never honestly turned from sin to trust Jesus Christ as your Saviour, then let the editor beg you to make that holy decision now, this moment.

Face the facts. You are a sinner. "All have sinned, and come short of the glory of God," says the Word of God. Death is coming, and all chance to repent, to be converted, to be forgiven, to have Christ in your heart, will be past if death finds you still outside the gate of mercy. But Jesus died for you and wants to save you. He offers you everlasting life. He says, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16). If you will here and now, this moment, turn to Christ as Saviour, and depend on Him for forgiveness, that very moment your soul will be saved. That very moment you will enter into everlasting life. Will you do it?

If you will turn from sin, if you will trust Christ to save you, if you will give Him your heart forever, I beg you, say yes, in your heart this moment, then sign the decision form here, copy it in a letter, and mail it to the editor at once. Do it now!

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Please write me a letter of encouragement and instruction.

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Puzzle Number 15

Clews Across

- Flying mammal, innumerable in ruins and caves in Palestine
- Ruth, a woman of an ancient Semitic people related to the Hebrews
- Level
- Coarse part of the seeds of grain
- Hint
- Thick, dark brown or black liquid obtained by distillation of wood, coal, etc.
- Something prized for its beauty
- Believe in
- Embellish
- Loyal (old spelling)
- Depart from
- Reluctant, adverse
- An altar (Josh. 22:34)
- Collection of books which are received as genuine and inspired Holy Scripture
- City of Mesopotamia (Isa. 37:13)
- Pronoun
- A son of Aaron (Exod. 6:23)
- More than one man
- Son of Seth (Gen. 5)
- Casts coquettish glances
- Principal deity of historical Egypt
- Topic
- A chief man of Benjamin (I Chron. 8:9)
- Son of Hur (Exod. 31:2)
- Ground grain
- Prayer rug, a — n
- Paddle
- Son of Gad (Gen. 46:16)
- Respectful title
- Wealthy kinsman of Naomi's husband. He married Ruth.
- Assistant (abbr.)
- Reaped
- Direction (abbr.)

Clews Down

- City where Boaz lived (Ruth 2:4)
- Place in Assyria (II Kings 17:24)
- Plural of "tergum," zoological term meaning "back"
- Son of Ruth and Boaz and grandfather of David (Ruth 4:17)
- Support
- Degree (abbr.)
- A prefix meaning "within"

- Small shield
- Father of Gaddi the spy (Num. 13:11)
- Fixed
- Gather what the reapers leave
- Widow of Naomi's son Mahlon
- International Visitors' Conclave (abbr.)
- Pertaining to tone
- Garden of Adam and Eve
- Dwell
- Edge or border of a garment
- Descendant of the son of Ham (Canaan)
- Ruth's mother-in-law
- Son of Melchi in genealogy of Jesus (Luke 3:27)
- Decompose
- A city of refuge in the wilderness (Deut. 4:43)
- Avoid
- One of the Nethinim (Neh. 7:47)
- Another ancestor of Jesus, son of Jose (Luke 3:28)
- Pray for the happiness of
- Largest continent
- Confusing, baffling network; labyrinth
- Tree from which idols were made
- Arrived (abbr.)
- Seed of cereal grass
- Fellow of the Royal Society (Regiac Societatis Socius, abbr.)
- Exist
- A bone (anatomy)

Answer to Puzzle Number 13:

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They Planned It That Way!

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book (edited for the Methodist Federation for Social Service) George E. Vincent speaks of the progress of science as stimulated by the *Industrial Revolution*, and adds, "The theology of the church is saturated with the old individualistic philosophy. This means antagonism to the new social point of view."

Thus we see that the new large "social" view grew out of Darwin's victory in convincing "scientists" that evolution made—given enough time—microscopic creatures (which were not only invisible but wholly without organs such as head, feet, etc.) into fish, elephants, whales, kangaroos, bats, eagles, and men! And the "individual" is now ignored.

That no scientific method can show so much as an ameba or three-billion-a-year-old Rhodesian alga able to get a second cell YET, does not matter, nor does it matter that the church puts the individual first, and asks what he will give in exchange for his soul, if he lose it, even though he gain the whole world.

The opponent and enemy of the church and Scriptures is that group of evolutionary scientists, if we read history aright. It is they who demand that we believe that rays from the sun and radium cause beneficial "mutations" that cause creatures to develop new structures and become "better fitted for survival." BUT all the experiments for half a century show, as Nobel prize-winner H. J. Muller says, that such rays striking genes CRIPPLE them! It is an accident resulting in loss, damage and eventual death! Yet we are increasing the rays rapidly now—everyone wants bombs (atomic), ships, planes, power plants, industries, therapeutic machines for hospital use, etc. that run by virtue of those deadly rays. Thus evolution may be leading us surely to human oblivion, war or no war! We are not adapted to more radiation, and there isn't even a safe minimum of ANY dosage!

Now, if those rays did NOT bring "new and better organs" and lead to "better fitness," then evolution did NOT occur, and amebas and algae and everything else stayed in its KIND—as appears to be both proved and provable.

If Darwinian socialism is based on a fake and fraud, then the whole social superstructure has a false base! It should be examined THOROUGHLY! The existence of the human race is involved! The dangers and chances for trouble avalanching on humans is great! In the physical area there could be added terrible cancers (it is a cold and absolute FACT that rays cause terrible ulcers, bone fractures, reduced blood count, internal bleeding, eye cataracts) and much that WE DO NOT WANT! Do we want Eternal Night for our race?

Evolutionists-Socialists Enemies of Christian Philosophy

In addition to that, the mental, philosophical, educational, spiritual fruits of the evolution-mutation theory may bring the worst of woes to human spirit! The greater wrong is against spirit, not body.

A reader of Simpson's *The Meaning of Evolution* lifts an eyebrow when noting that the socialists plan to see that marriages are conducted without any refusal "to allow interbreeding between any two or more racial, religious, or other groups . . ." [emphasis ours] Moreover, he says there are some "beliefs still current, labeled as religious and involved in religious emotion, that are flatly incompatible with evolution and that therefore are intellectually unreliable." (See Mentor edition.) Someone is wrong here!

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Monthly pointed up the physical dangers of evolution concepts to the human body and all life. Many authors unwittingly reveal the "social changes" that will bring a reign of terror to the church and religious people and individual thinkers!

Putting the one-world concept over could be a long and tedious job, said H. G. Wells in *The Outline of History*, or it could be done "almost swiftly in the course of a generation or so." (It was being pounded down in the 1920 edition.) Wells warns that there are enemies set against the new social ideas, among which he names as enemies "love of and trust in the old traditional things . . . patriotism . . ." "Traditions" is a word meaning to all evolutionists the church and her teachings as 2,000 years have accepted them as fundamentals. Patriotism means love of country, America, the Stars and Stripes. Edward Albert Wigam hammered away at the same "social" ideas, even going so far in his *The New Decalogue of Science* as to say that "the golden rule without science will wreck the race that tries it," and "morals, education, art and religion will not improve the human race," and such hogwash and balderdash. Kinsey, putting in his oar, says that the school, home, and church inhibit our youth. LaPiere slaps away at religion on seemingly countless pages of his *Sociology*, calling a human infant a "parasitic animal," and in general decrying the best of the past. Romer of Harvard does not get beyond page 11 of his *The Vertebrate Body* without slapping at the "supernatural" and "design." And so on, far into the night. The church has many sworn enemies, it appears. At any rate, we'd better look carefully—most carefully—at where all these attacks point!

Wells and Huxley, in *The Science of Life*, 1931, said (p. 1474), "The progressive development of the scientific mind may survive all the blunderous wars . . . and suppressions . . . Until in due course the heir comes to full strength and takes possession." Umm! Full strength, then takes possession!

In the 1920 *Outline of History*, when those who "planned it that way" were laying down the fundamentals, we could read, p. 581, "We have found in the intellectual and theological conflicts of the nineteenth century the explanation of that curious exceptional disentanglement of religious teaching from formal education . . . and have traced the consequences of this phase of religious disputation and confusion in the reversion of international politics toward a brutal nationalism . . ." And a "complete escape from self" is a "recognized fundamental structural impulse" in the human society, if the world is to be unified.

Now the "intellectual-theological conflicts" were the result of the evolution theory as boosted since *The Origin of Species* appeared in 1859, and at last formal education began to dump the traditional things overboard (belief in a Saviour, in miracles, in patriotism for country, etc.) and there was indeed a "brutal nationalism"

all right, but Hitler and others based their justification of it on the law of the jungle and "survival of the fittest" by sharpest tooth and claw or bludgeon of bone—or man-made bayonet or biggest bomb. That they did so interpret the way to supermen called upon bloody streams of good, young American blood! That evolution theory has bitterly and fiercely fought church, patriotism, all the best of our past and our fathers, and now undergirds the possible destruction of the race under phony ideas that death rays will HELP normal, healthy tissue! Muller says the medics are permanently damaging the American life stream now! [emphasis ours] (*Congressional Record*, Aug. 28, 1953, pp. 5690-93.)

How Socialists Plants Take Over

To accomplish the take-over of the world for "social science" it is necessary to do many things: tax, restrict, censor, suppress, infiltrate, smear, and so on. As page 582 of *Outline of History* said in 1920, "The old loyalties, the old too limited and narrow political and social assumptions, the old too elaborate religious formulae, have lost their power of conviction, and the greater ideas of a world state . . . winning . . ."

Page 586 is daring: "Today there is in the world a small but increasing number of men, historians, archaeologists, ethnologists, economists, sociologists, psychologists, educationists, and the like . . . (who) may be doing more than the world suspects . . . to make plain the thing to do and the way to do it, in the greater and more urgent human affairs." Note the list of scientists! Now it is said there are over 95,000 in just volumes of *American Men of Science*! Plus all not listed! Watch ESC of UNESCO!

Under "broad fundamentals of the coming world state," Wells lists first of all: "A common world religion." Not Christianity, dear Americans! The statue in the UN buildings is the Greek evolutionary Zeus! Christianity is anathema!

The 1949 *Outline of History* speaks (p. 979 and a few pages beyond): "We are all socialists nowadays, said Sir William Harcourt." Then, "So far most reasonable men are socialists." Page 987 tells us: "Even man was included" in Darwin's theory, as evolving, not being created, the importance of that issue being "If all the animals and man had been evolved in this ascendant manner, then there had been no first parents, no Eden, and no Fall. And if there had been no Fall, then the ENTIRE HISTORICAL FABRIC OF CHRISTIANITY, the story of the first sin and the reason for an ATONEMENT, upon which the current teaching based Christian emotion and morality, collapsed like a house of cards." [Emphasis ours] Yes, read it for yourself! It is a book set selling currently along with the perfidious book of Andrew White's reissued from the 19th century.

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Marx was a German socialist. All evolutionary scientists have to be naturalists and socialists, too, or face the risk of professional suicide. As Edwin Grant Conklin, a scientist of top repute, said away back in 1928 (*SCIENCE*, Nov. 16 issue): "Man (in the old view) was made in the image of God, according to the new in the image of beasts; once he was said to be a little lower than the angels, now a little higher than the apes; once he was an absolutely free moral agent, now he is never absolutely free and is often a mere automaton. It is little wonder that the fundamentalists are up in arms against this biological fall of man which is so much greater than the biblical fall. ALL SCIENCES HAVE UNITED TO DE-THRONE MAN from the central and supernatural position he was once supposed to occupy, but biology is the chief regicide." [Emphasis ours] While we look at Russia, therefore, our eyes are off the evolutionary scientists, the REAL source of those socialistic teachings that are one hundred percent against miracles, Christ, and biblical creation.

They planned it that way, and we like sheep follow the pure hokum. No one dares question the hierarchy! Yet all the time its base is fraud and phony. The surest thing on earth is that genes build only their KIND of life, as God

The Cross . . .

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the dead?
Fear not, for Christ is risen! Come and see!"

Departing from the sepulcher, they ran to spread the glorious tidings,

"Christ is risen!"

And later, Christ appeared at various times, proving infallibly He was alive.

And forty ne'er-to-be-forgotten days

He talked with those who loved Him, of the things pertaining to the kingdom of their God, Interpreting the meaning of the Cross.

And thus they learned how it be-hooved the Christ—all sinless as He was—to suffer death, To make atonement for the sins of men,

Giving His life a ransom for mankind, that we, through Him, might have eternal life.

Then, having suffered all these things, to rise triumphant and victorious from the grave, and enter into
Glory, long foretold.

And as they understood the plan divine,

And thought, with clearer vision, of the Cross,

The bitterness and anguish of their souls was swallowed up in awe and reverent love.

And so with calm and strengthened faith serene,

Knowing the Comforter would come to them,

They saw their risen Lord ascend on high,

To dwell with God the Father evermore.

planned. It is the final development of evolutionary scientism and quackery when human brains are taught that what God could not create, an ape, or lizard, or worm—or smear of electrons—did! The Eternal omniscient (all science) is scientific! He "planned," and created, too!

—THE END—

And ever since that time, the Cross has stood on Calvary's rugged crest through all the years.
Shedding a light effulgent and divine.
And brightly now and evermore shall gleam
That light to lead us Home.
And naught can harm, if we accept the atonement Jesus made.
We too can have the Comforter with us,
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And sing with all the countless hosts redeemed
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